

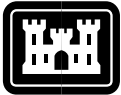
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Annual shareholders meeting, awards and honors highlight quarterly town meeting

Col. Brian E. Osterndorf, District Engineer, held his annual shareholders meeting to brief employees on year-end accomplishments during the quarterly town meeting Oct. 16. Awards and other honors were also presented during the meeting.

"This is our second report out to shareholders," said Col. Osterndorf. "You are shareholders in this organization. You do not necessarily invest your money, but you do invest your talent and your careers in the organiza-

tion, so you should be able to understand how it has been successful and how we're going to look at next year."

The following people gave presentations on their office's achievements during the past fiscal year: Bill Scully, Programs Project Management; Dave Dulong, Engineering/Planning; Dick Carlson, Construction/Operations; Jim Leary, Real Estate; Buz McDonald, Resource Management; Sheila Winston-Vincuilla, Contracting; Eva D'Antuono, Small Business; Joe

McInerny, Counsel; and Chris Godfrey, Regulatory. Lt. Col. John Rovero briefed the audience on the achievements of Logistics, Human Resources, EEO, and Public Affairs. The District's achievements will be detailed in the Yankee Engineer's Year in Review edition due out later this year.

During the awards portion of the ceremony, Bill Scully, Programs/Project Management, announced that the Joint Program Office at MMR presented an

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Remembering those who served their country

The Concord Independent Battery prepares to fire its cannon during the Veterans Day ceremony at Sleepy Hollow cemetery in Concord, Mass. See page 7 for story and more pictures.



Photo by C.J. Allen

Yankee Voices

Bill Mullen
Engineering/Planning



CorpsPath coming to the District

Lt. Gen. Flowers has directed that all supervisors and their employees complete a series of automated modules, called CorpsPath, by Oct. 31, 2002.

Described as "the new employee orientation none of us had," CorpsPath integrates values, missions, and beliefs with Corps business processes.

The modules can be completed within 20 hours. There are 14 modules and it should take an average of 20-30 minutes to go through each. Supervisors will schedule follow-on discussions after everyone in each work group has completed a module.

Copies of the CorpsPath CD will be accessible to all employees to complete this training. The method of distribution will be announced at a later date.

The New England District is currently compiling a plan to implement CorpsPath training. More information regarding CorpPath training will be published in the Weekly Bulletin when it is available.

Anthrax threat suspends Dear Abby, "Any Service Member" mail programs

by Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

Military postal officials have reluctantly ended the "Operation Dear Abby" and "Any Service Member" postal programs due to the anthrax threat. Alan F. Estevez, acting assistant deputy undersecretary of defense for transportation policy, suspended the two programs in a signed Oct. 30 memorandum to the Military Postal Service Agency.

The memo formalizes an interim agency suspension issued Oct. 16. Effective immediately, mail will no longer be accepted for these anonymous-sender programs.

The Dear Abby program, founded by the newspaper advice columnist, has delivered mail to U.S. service members overseas during the holiday season for 17 years. "Any Service Member" mail grew out of Desert Shield and Desert Storm, but really cranked up during the U.S. assistance to Bosnia in 1995, officials said.

Both programs let U.S. service members overseas know that fellow Americans support them and appreciate their sacrifices.

A written notice from the Military Postal Service Agency said the most critical issue surrounding these mail programs is personnel safety. "Both of these programs create an avenue to introduce mail into the system from unknown sources," the notice said. "The recent mail-related attacks have demonstrated the vulnerability of the postal system."

Mail handling has become more sensitive and time consuming, said officials, and the increased volume of mail that would result from the Dear Abby and Any Service Member programs could impact the quality of military postal service and force protection.

U.S. Postal Service officials said a ton of letter mail equals about 71,000 typical first-class letters.

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Commander's Corner:

Protecting Our Interests

by Col. Brian E. Osterndorf
District Engineer



The events of Sept. 11, 2001 have changed many of the ways we look at things, and most of us will, almost without any consideration whatsoever, no longer take for granted many things we had enjoyed previously. For example, we all now acknowledge the need for better airport security, and accept

the inconveniences that accompany increased security. More generally, we understand that there must be a new balance between "freedom" and "protection," even though we will struggle for a while to determine exactly what that balance is.

For the most part, we are not comfortable with the idea that our nation is engaged in a war in which the battlefield could be where we live. One of our great historical advantages has been geography, and the protections against attack that our geographical advantage offers us. We understand now, that those that would do us harm are more sophisticated than we had given them credit for, and we are no longer as invulnerable as we thought we were.

The realization of this still comes as a shock, but neither the shock nor our previous complacency will provide us the impetus to look critically at how we protect our important interests, including the interest that is most important, ourselves. A great thanks is owed our Logistics and Security folks for quickly implementing force protection measures here in Concord Park and elsewhere.

Implementing the badging and access control systems several months ago seems remarkably prescient now. I ask your continued vigilance in helping our security personnel ensure that only authorized visitors get into our facilities, and when and where escort is required, that we meet that requirement.

The physical security measures that have been implemented to control vehicle access, as well as the procedures we have adopted for such things as package and mail delivery, will continue to evolve and become more permanent. We acted on a great idea to bring one of the hooded ventilation tables from our old Division laboratory into our mail room to remove potentially hazardous materials in our

mail. Again, I ask your continued vigilance and forbearance as we learn to adjust to these new procedures.

We must also prepare to protect the infrastructure we operate and maintain for the benefit of our citizens. Nationally, the Corps owns many key, strategic infrastructure items, vital to our commerce and flood protection.

Here in New England, we have also identified many of our structures that are critical and we are taking steps to ensure their protection. This is a challenge for us, not only because we don't have much experience in guarding things, and we certainly don't have the means, but also because our whole mindset is to invite the public to see and enjoy our facilities. Corps Headquarters recognizes this and has organized special teams that are trained to conduct security and vulnerability assessments of such things as dams, bridges, locks and other infrastructure items, and can make recommendations for security and surveillance improvements.

We will be receiving these assistance visits shortly (maybe already by the time you read this) and we have a very good expectation that money for these improvements will be available. We also are now working closely with other federal and state agencies to share information and resources.

Years from now, I believe we will see these as very evolutionary times. The whole concept of Homeland Security is just starting to evolve, and the Corps will play a significant role. Throughout the nation, the Corps is very much thought of as an organization that can make things happen and that can work through tough problems to find good solutions. Our emergency response efforts at the World Trade Center, and the national recognition that the Corps gained as a result, were a big part of reinforcing that notion.

We will be challenged by all of this. We will need to find our own balance between implementing prudent protective measures and staying actively in front of the public, representing our strengths and abilities as the Corps of Engineers. Public confidence in the Corps has never been stronger, and I expect that the measure of that confidence will be demonstrated by the increased responsibilities, potentially in brand new mission areas, that will come our way.

Thanks for your continued support during these trying times. You have all stepped up to these challenges and I have great respect for, and confidence in, each of you. As a team, we will be better for the challenges we have faced and mastered.

District Engineer heads environmental kick-off event

Col. Brian E. Osterndorf, District Engineer, served as Master of Ceremonies at the Rhode Island Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership (RI-CWRP) kick-off event, held Oct. 22 in Providence, R.I. The event took place to publicly announce and celebrate the founding of the partnership and to recognize the initial RI-CWRP corporate partners.

The partnership is a joint effort between Rhode Island corporations, government agencies, and non-profit environmental groups to fund priority restoration projects throughout the state. The kick-off event was sponsored in part by the Coastal America partnership of federal agencies.

Approximately 120 people representing 60 corporations attended. Speakers at the kick-off included Sen. Lincoln Chafee (R-R.I.); Bob Varney, EPA Region I administrator; Jan Reitsma, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management; Curtis Spalding, Director, Save the Bay; and New England District's Bill Hubbard, Chair, Coastal America Northeast Regional Implementation Team. Speakers from Gillette, Narragansett Electric and EES were also on the agenda.

EPA has pledged \$25,000 to start

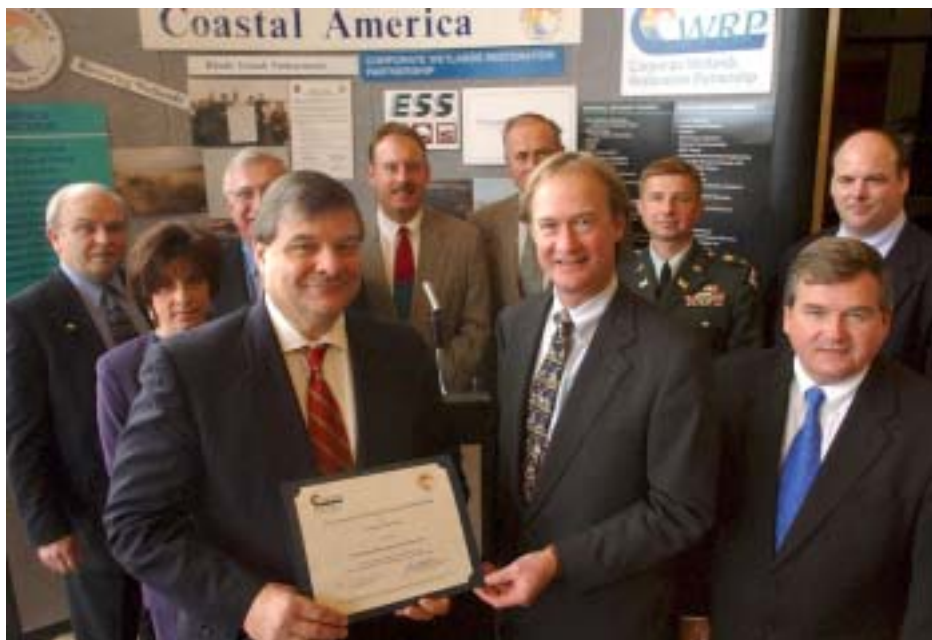
the account, and approximately 15 R.I. corporations have expressed an interest in becoming partners.

Private funds contributed to the partnership will usually be matched by federal dollars.

An appropriate RI-CWRP account was established by the Coastal America Foundation to receive and distribute donations at the direction of the RI-CWP advisory board.

Made up of RI-CWPR corporate partners, the board will review habitat restoration project recommended for funding by the R.I. Habitat Restoration team and make award decisions.

The RI-CWRP is closely related to a program initiated in Massachusetts by the Gillette Company, EPA, and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs which was founded in 1999.



The RI-CWRP - John Mackenzie-Gillette Company; Cheryl Young, Narragansett Electric; Mike Armstrong, Arch Chemical; Bob Bibbo, ESS; Curt Spaulding, Save the Bay; Jan Reitsma, RIDEM Commissioner; Senator Chafee; Colonel Osterndorf; Bob Varney, EPA RA; and Grover Fugate, RI-CRMC chair. (Photo by the Hubbel Group)

Former president receives District coin for video spot

Bill Hubbard, the Chief of the New England District Environmental Resources Section, presented a New England District Coin to former President George Bush on Sept. 15 at his Walker Point home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

Bill presented the coin to the former president on behalf of Col. Brian E. Osterndorf, District Engineer.

As chair of the Coastal America team in New England, Bill was asked to get a statement from the former commander in chief to be part of a video production commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Coastal America program. Mr. Bush also gave endorsing statements on video for the Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership (CWRP) in Maine.

"It was more like having coffee on the coast of Maine with a group of people concerned with the health of America's coastlines," said Bill of the visit with Mr. Bush. "The former president and his staff were very interested in salt marsh restoration and in particular we discussed harbor dredging and the proposed Kennebunkport Maintenance Dredging project."

Mr. Bush requested the anniversary video, which was shown at a meeting of the Coastal America Program held at the Senate Building on Oct. 2 to celebrate the coastal restoration and protection success they have had over the past decade. The filming was donated by Bronson Communications in support of the CWRP.



The film crew prepares to shoot Mr. Bush's video spot for a Coastal America video.



Photo courtesy of Brosnan Communications.

Former President George Bush (left) receives a District coin from Bill Hubbard for his contributions to a Coastal America commemorative video.

In 1991, then-President George Bush launched the Coastal America partnership as a way to ensure that the country efficiently used all of the tools available in order to solve coastal problems.

"I established Coastal America to help find and maintain just that balance, and I am pleased to see the tremendous progress that you've made in addressing environmental concerns while ensuring economic progress," said former President Bush in his statement. "I also wanted 'shovel in the ground' projects to demonstrate that we can create a true partnership for action, and you've done just that."

More recently, former Vice President Al Gore endorsed Coastal America as a force, "for building a government that works better and costs less."

The current administration similarly supports the efforts of the partners, and heralds the partnership process as the way of the future for coastal management.

In 10 years, the Coastal America program has worked with over 600 non-federal organizations to initiate nearly 600 coastal restoration and protection projects around the country. According to Bill, they have restored hundreds of thousands of wetland acres, re-opened thousands of miles of streams for anadromous fish, and protected habitats for threatened fish, birds, and mammals.

The New England District has taken the lead in many of these types of restoration projects, in particular Gallilee, R.I. and Sagamore Marsh at the Cape Cod Canal.

In addition, the partnership has expanded to include an education network that establishes a partnership between federal agencies and a number of aquariums around the country --including the Mystic and New England Aquariums-- and a Corporate Partnership that facilitates public-private efforts to protect and restore coastal habitats such as the Sagamore Marsh project.

Construction worker honored with memorial plaque during ceremony at Westville Lake Dam

The Park Rangers at one of New England District's flood control projects paid homage to a union carpenter who was killed during construction of the dam by dedicating a plaque in his honor on Veterans Day.

The Nov. 11 dedication ceremony for a plaque memorializing Leon Siemienkiewicz was held at Westville Lake, in Southbridge, Mass. Mr. Siemienkiewicz was a union carpenter that belonged to the local union hall in Southbridge and was part of a local work force building flood control dams in the late 1950s and 60s. These facilities would prevent future flood disasters like those that occurred in 1936 and 1955.

"On September 12, 1961, Leo was working on the gatehouse roof doing form work for an upper wall called the parapet," said Merl Bassett, Park Ranger stationed at East Brimfield Lake, Westville Lake and Conant Brook Dam. "He stepped over the form/wall area from the roof to the perimeter staging. He lost his handhold and balance as he was climbing over, flipped over the staging area and fell onto the ledge, 35 feet below in the spillway area. By 1961 standards, he was not doing anything unsafe."

Mr. Siemienkiewicz died instantly as a result of injuries received in the fall. He was 50 years old. He left a wife, two children, and other relatives.

The ceremony was planned to coincide with the 40th anniversary of Mr. Siemienkiewicz's accident. Personnel at East Brimfield Lake coordinated the ceremony with Carpenters Local No. 107 from Worcester who supplied the plaque. Edward Calcut, a retired union carpenter and co-worker of Mr. Siemienkiewicz coordinated and located family members for the event. Family members from all over the country, retired union/co-workers, and current members of the Carpenters Local No. 107 attended.

The New England District Ranger Color Guard was assembled for the memorial. Color Guard members partici-



District employees, friends and relatives of Leo Siemienkiewicz gather for a ceremony honoring his memory.

pating in the event were Bob Hanacek, Merl Bassett, Joe Faloretti, and Jamie Kordack.

Jim Morocco, representing the District, discussed the fallen union worker's sacrifice and public service. He said that the honor is appropriate for Veterans Day. "Mr. Siemienkiewicz was not a veteran, but he died as a civilian performing a valuable public service," he said. "The purpose of dams and the flood control projects are to save nearby towns by holding back deadly flood waters. He died building such a flood control project and should be honored for his service."

Arthur Sisco, manager of the Carpenters Local No. 107 spoke on behalf of the union and introduced the retired workers who worked with Leo during the construction of Westville Dam. Leo's son Robert Siemienkiewicz, a retired career US Army veteran said, "... I never thought I would see this day and I am very appreciative that they took the time and effort to organize this event."

The New England District presented bouquets of flowers to Mr. Siemienkiewicz's sister, Sophie Lapierre, and his daughter, Dorothy Lebuf, who flew in from Georgia for the ceremony.

Westville Lake is not the only flood control project to bear the name of a worker killed during construction. A similar plaque is placed at the Thomaston Dam in memory of Dino J. Favali, George M. Kessler, and Matthew J. Pagarulo, employees of Oneglia and Gervasini, Inc., who lost their lives during construction during the 1957-1960 time frame.

"These flood control dams could not be built without skilled workers – in this case skilled union workers," said Park Ranger Merl Bassett. "We have to give them credit, especially to one who died during the performance of his job."



Mr. Siemienkiewicz's son and daughter pose by the memorial plaque dedicated to their father.

Photos by C.J. Allen



Col. Osterndorf marches with other military officials during the Veterans Day ceremonies in Concord, Mass.



Photos by C.J. Allen

The Concord procession makes its way through Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.

District Engineer participates in Veterans Day ceremony

Col. Brian E. Osterndorf, District Engineer, joined other military and local officials in paying homage to U.S. veterans at the city of Concord's Veterans Day ceremony held Nov. 11 at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.

The Veterans Day ceremony began with the traditional raising of the flag. A procession made up of military representatives, local officials, clergy, veterans, bagpipers, drum corps, and other organizations, marched into the

cemetery immediately following.

After a welcome and an Invocation said by the Chaplain of the Concord Fire Department, the event participants and the audience recited the pledge of allegiance.

The flag retirement ceremony followed. Traditionally, each Veterans Day, Concord residents retire their old American flags in a respectful and appropriate manner by burning. Col. Osterndorf and his family participated by giving the

Concord Fire Department an old, worn flag to be placed in the flames.

The Concord Independent Battery saluted veterans by firing a cannon during the event. In addition, patriotic music was played before and after the ceremony.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been invited to participate in Concord patriotic ceremonies (Memorial Day and Veterans Day) since the agency moved to the town in 1999.



A Concord firefighter respectfully retires an American flag.



The Osterndorf family waits in line during the flag retirement ceremony.



The Concord firefighter chaplain recites the Veterans Day invocation.

District park ranger participates in rededication of Meriwether Lewis grave

by Rick Magee
Lower Connecticut River Basin Office

On Oct. 11, the 178th anniversary of the death of explorer Captain Meriwether Lewis, the National Park Service held a ceremony to rededicate the recently restored monument to this American hero. The New England District Corps of Engineers hosted an exhibit at the ceremony.

The day before the ceremony, rangers, re-enactors, and Lewis and Clark experts presented a series of programs for the students of the Hohenwald, Lewis County Schools. The purpose was to familiarize children with the life of Meriwether Lewis, for whom their county was named.

Approximately 1,400 students from the Lewis County Schools from kindergarten to 8th grade, recruited by re-enactors in 1803 Army uniforms for the Corps of Discovery, were treated to programs by rangers and by a member of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation on the journey.

Following the return to the United States of the Corps of Northwestern Discovery, Meriwether Lewis was appointed to the position of Governor of the new Louisiana Territory. In 1809 he was recalled to Washington and traveled down the Mississippi River to Natchez, then followed the Natchez Trace overland into Tennessee.

On the morning of Oct. 11, 1809, the body of Meriwether



Photos taken by USACE and NPS rangers.

Rick Magee interpreting the U.S. Army's role in Lewis and Clark.

Lewis was discovered near Grinder's Stand, an inn on the Natchez Trace near Hohenwald, Tennessee.

Friends at the time, historians and politicians since have been unsure whether the hero of the northwestern exploration had been murdered or died at his own hand.

Until 1848 the grave of Captain Lewis was unmarked. That year the state of Tennessee appropriated \$500 to put up a suitable marker. A cairn of stones was erected; topped by a broken column to symbolize a life cut short. This became the center of a local cemetery.

In recognition of, "the faithful and effective services of Capt. Meriwether Lewis as an officer of the United States Army; as leader of the Lewis and Clark Expedition; and as governor of the Louisiana Territory," President Calvin Coolidge declared the grave site a national monument on Feb. 6, 1925. The Secretary of War was given responsibility for its management.

The War Department managed the Meriwether Lewis National Monument from 1925 until 1939 when the National Park Service assumed supervision of all the military battle-field parks and monuments.

It was because of these historic connections between Capt. Lewis and the Army, his grave and the War Department, that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers participated in the school programs and ceremony.



New Army meets Old Army.



Distinguished Civilian Gallery member and retired Executive Assistant Joseph Burke had 43 years of service.

Joseph Burke remembered

Sympathy is extended to the family of retired Executive Assistant and Distinguished Civilian Gallery Member Joseph Burke, who passed away Oct. 14. When Mr. Burke retired, he had 43 years of federal service.

Mr. Burke began his Corps of Engineers career as a clerk typist in the Boston District in 1938. After serving in a variety of positions, including Chief, Supply Division, he was named Executive Assistant of the New England Division in 1966, a position he held until his retirement in 1980. According to the citation that hangs in the Distinguished Civilian Gallery, "Mr. Burke's dedication and expertise won him the respect of the entire New England Division

family and was recognized by numerous performance awards, including the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal."

A highly decorated World War II veteran, Mr. Burke served in the Army Air Corps in the European theatre. He also took part in Operation Manna Chow Hound in Holland, a humanitarian mission in which American B-17's dropped food to starving people immediately after the war.

Mr. Burke's military decorations include the Air medal, World War II medal, the European/Africa/Middle East Campaign medal, the American Campaign medal, the Humanitarian Service medal, Good Conduct medal, and Air Corps Flight Wings.

Congratulations

...to **Tina Krawczyk**, Con/Ops, and her husband, Shawn, on the birth of their son, **Kyle Andrew Krawczyk**, Oct. 13. He joins his sister, Nicole, in the family circle.

...The WE Committee chose **Ruth Ladd** of Regulatory Division as its Employee of the Month for October. Ruth consistently does things to better the organization and always maintains a very helpful, highly professional demeanor in spite of a heavy workload. Ruth and her family also raise and train guide dogs for the blind.

...The WE Committee's Team of the Month for October were the five personnel who designed and presented the Drug Testing Program: **Martha Labbe**, HRO, **Tricia Sumner**, **Kerry Leblanc**, and **Wendy Hilbrunner** from Safety, and **Kathleen Pendergast**, Office of Counsel.

The program was mandated from the Division and the team developed two programs (one for supervisors and one for employees) under short deadlines, conducting 11 sessions at Concord Park and five field sessions including CRREL.

...to **Laura Lally**, Regulatory, on the birth of her grandson **Tyler Michael Lally**, Oct. 19. The proud parents are **Michael and Rose Lally**. He joins sister, **Madeleine**, and brother, **Gavin**, in the family circle.



Monster Bill Mullen and 'Jason' character Dave Larsen.



Marathon runner Barbara Ingersoll gets arrested by policewoman Wendy Hilbrunner.



Tourist Shari Valente wishing she was spending Halloween in Hawaii.



Spider woman Mary Christopher took third place in the costume contest.



Psychedelic witch Laura Lally took the first place ribbon and a \$10 gift certificate as her treat for dressing up.



Elven priestess Jo-Ann Dawber gives answering the phone a magical touch.

Halloween at Concord Park: WE Committee lightens mood with costume contest

With recent events lingering somberly on the minds of many, Halloween at Concord Park caused many faces to magically light up and remember more lighthearted times.

The WE Committee's Carol Charette dared New England District employees to show their creative costume genius and dress up for a contest on All Hallows Eve. Many took on that dare and paraded the halls of Concord Park in creative, funny, and scary costumes.

"Kansas City District has done this every year and I always dressed up there, so I thought why not initiate the same type of Halloween fun here," said Carol on her decision to coordinate the Halloween contest and turn into "Pumpkin Head" this year.

When asked the reason for her costume theme, Carol responded, "I was trying to match my little pumpkin guy that I carried around which held all the goodies I was distributing."

"I always like to do something for

Halloween," said Con/Ops' Joan Gardner, who got a lot of smiles with her "Hippie Chick" getup. "I always pass out candy and I try to wear some part of a costume. This year, since wearing a costume was being encouraged, I could be myself and have more fun. The Chief (Lt. Gen. Flowers) said to have a sense of humor... actually... I could never be accused of not having one, so I didn't have to be told that!"

Joan explained that her groovy costume took on an identity of its own.



Pamela Bradstreet dressed as a pumpkin for the day's festivities.



Kim Kaminski-Donaher is Glinda the Good Witch and Martha Labbe is the Wicked Witch.



Lauren Levesque, Elaine Law, Carol Charette, and Phil Durgin get into the Halloween spirit.



Jim Crawford was a "scream" in his Halloween costume.

"I put on the wig, and it reminded me of a flower child so... I ran around that weekend trying to put together the rest of the costume! My neighbor had 'stuff' and I had 'stuff.' The rest is history."

Bob Govero, Logistics, also got into the act by dressing up as a rock star. "I think it is a fun thing to do and it does lighten things up," he said. "It makes the mood a little less serious for a while."

Jerry Nunziato, Information Management, did not dress up, but said that seeing his co-workers dressed in their costumes got him into the Halloween spirit. "I liked Jim Crawford's costume the best," he said of the WE Committee's Chair. Jim dressed as a ghoul from the "Scream" horror series.

Angie Vanaria, Executive Office, was also a grateful spectator of the Halloween spectacle. "I think it brought



Helen Newcomb greeted employees who walked by her cube in her spooky getup.

the mood of the office up and I for one enjoyed seeing them," she said.

And Angie's favorite costume? "I think Carol Charette as the pumpkin was the greatest," she said without hesitation.

Sally Rigione, Public Affairs had her own favorites. "Laura Lally made me smile and think of the Munchkins from the Wizard of Oz. I love that movie," she said.

Col. Brian E. Osterndorf, District Engineer, went along with his costume-clad crew and awarded ribbons during the lunchtime costume contest. Despite Jerry's high regard for his costume, Jim did not win the contest. Based on audience voting, Col. Osterndorf awarded first place and a \$10 gift certificate donated by the WE Committee to Laura Lally for her psychedelic witch.



Zina Cassulo-Henderson's chef outfit was a recipe for many giggles.

Second place went to Carol for her pumpkin outfit. Third place went to Mary Christopher for her spider woman costume.

During the contest, a large audience munched on treats made by Marie, Carol and Zina Cassulo-Henderson. Jim Crawford, Marie Wotjas, and Shari Valente assisted Carol in her overall ghoulish effort to turn Halloween 2001 into a good time for everyone.

"I thought it was great having co-workers share their Halloween spirit!" said Sally. "I have a great seat where I can look away from my computer and see the main hallway. I enjoyed seeing some of the people walking by our door in their costumes. I wish they could have stopped in at each office, I would have brought candy. Maybe next year..."



Joan Gardner went retro as a Hippie Chick.



Contestants line up in the cafeteria to be judged.



Brenda Dzierzeski as a wicked witch.



(left): Dessert welcomed the fiscal new year.
(above): Col. Osterndorf enjoys the barbecue with District employees.



Photos by Mark McInerney

(left): Employees line up to get some food during the barbecue. (above): Bill Kavanaugh, Greg Penta, and Duban Montoya enjoy the day.

WE Committee Barbecue: Cookout celebrates successful 'Year-End'

Year End is an annual ritual that can fray nerves and make the sunniest of personalities cloudy. A collective sigh of relief can generally be heard on Oct. 1, as the old fiscal year ends and a new fiscal year begins. Gone, at least for another year, are the accruals, the closeout rituals, and the mad rush to get those last minute CEFMS changes in before the files close forever.

In appreciation for another successful fiscal year close out and to usher in the new fiscal year on a positive note, the WE Committee hosted a Year-End barbecue Oct. 15 in the Concord Park courtyard.

For a nominal fee of \$5, approximately 100 employees from Concord Park and the field were treated to a menu of clam chowder, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw, green salad, corn on the cob, rolls, soft drinks, water and coffee.

Mr. Jack's of Billerica, Mass., catered the event.

Dave Stiddem, Project Manager at Buffumville Lake/Hodges Village Dam came to the District headquarters on business and decided to stay. He also had a tent available for the WE Committee in case of rain. "The food was good and I enjoyed talking business with the Concord employees," he said.

According to WE Committee chair Jim Crawford, this is the second celebration of year-end success held for the District. "There was a small group that gathered last year in a room at the Hanscom Enlisted Club," he explained. "We thought we could expand on that

this time while also holding it on the grounds at Concord Park."

Marie Wojtas spearheaded the coordination of the barbecue, but insists that it was a total team effort. "There was a lot of support from all the WE committee members who contributed in a lot of ways including selling tickets, coordinating the tent availability, designing and printing the tickets, baking cookies, bringing in supplies, etc.," she said.

Committee members who assisted Marie were Jan Bacigalupo, Greg Penta, Donna Russell, Ruth Ladd, Duban Montoya, and Shari Valente.

District quarterly town meeting

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award to the District team for the very successful completion -- on time and under budget -- of the new 3MGD water supply system for the base and four surrounding communities. Employees present to receive the award were Sue Holtham, Joe McInerney, and Darrell Deleppo.

Larry Rosenberg, Chief, Public Affairs, presented Will Rogers and Ann Marie Harvie with the Kassner journalism award of merit for the Big E! special edition of the Yankee Engineer from Sept. 2000. Larry also announced that Joseph Bacigalupo received the first place Kassner Award for graphic presentation.

Lt. Col. John Rovero, Deputy District Engineer, presented awards to those who both participated and supported the World Trade Center mission.

Those who received certificates were Scott Acone, Lynne Bleakney, Joseph Bocchino, Richard Carlson, Marie Connor, Stephen DiLorenzo, Robert DeSista, Richard Drew, Rachel Fisher, Capt. Michael Fitzgerald, Jennifer Flanagan, Michael Galicki, David Goodrich, Thomas Greenway, David Hakanson, Robert Henderson, Gerald Joyner, Kevin Kaerth, William Kane, John Kedzierski, Michael Keegan, Michelle Kewer, Ruth Kitowicz, Gladys Leone, Christopher Lindsay, Luke Lomeland, Frank MacDonald, Robert

MacGovern, John MacPherson, Ralph Mallardo, David Margolis, Joseph Mazzola, Joseph McInerney, Edward Mills, Duban Montoya, John Murner, Col. Brian E. Osterndorf, John Pribilla, Rachael Raposa, Thomas Rosato, Larry Rosenberg, Lt. Col. John Rovero, David Schafer, John Schuck, Michael Sheehan, Joan Shok, Ruth Tanner, Patrick Tornifoglio, Michael Vadnais, Rich Vigeant, and John Yen.

Jim Crawford, WE Committee Chair, presented the Team and Employee of the Month awards. Ruth Ladd was the Employee for October. The team of the month consisted of Martha Labbe, Tricia Sumner, Kerry Leblanc, Wendy Hilbrunner and Kathleen Pendergast. The citations can be seen in the Congratulation section on page 9.

The Deputy District Engineer also presented the sports award trophies from the Founders Day ceremonies last June. The basketball championship award went to Jim Kelly, Joe Bocchino, and Bob Essex. The horse-shoe championship went to Steve Eaton and Steve Chase. The volleyball championship was awarded to Gary Morin, Dave Lubianez, Steve Simmer, Bob Simeone, and Bill Kavanaugh.

Col. Osterndorf dismissed the assembly after a question and answer period.

Inclement Weather Hotline

The Inclement Weather Hotline Information Program has been expanded for the 2001 winter season.

For up-to-date information on closings or delayed opening, District employees are asked to call 978-318-8346, listen to WRKO (680 AM) or WEIM (1280 AM) or watch Channel 7's morning news.

Inclement Weather Hotline cards have been distributed through in-house mail.

The point of contact for more information or for extra cards is Ann Marie Harvie.

She can be reached by phone at 978-318-8777 or by e-mail, annmarie.r.harvie@usace.army.mil.

Sympathy

...to the family of retired Chief of Survey, **John T. Day**, who passed away Nov. 3. He was 88. Born in Boston, Mr. Day graduated from Boston Latin High School.

He joined the Army Corps of Engineers and served in Nicaragua for a year, then entered the Army and served during World War II. He rose to the rank of 1st lieutenant and served with counterintelligence in Southeast Asia. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star. Following his military service, Mr. Day entered Northeastern University.

He continued his service with the Corps of Engineers and was the chief of the surveying branch until his retirement in 1972.

...to **Joe Bocchino**, Executive Assistant, and his family on the passing of Joe's father, **John A. Bocchino, Sr.**, Nov. 18. Mr. Bocchino was a U.S. Army veteran as well as a World War II prisoner of war.

Expressions of sympathy can be made in Mr. Bocchino's memory to the Society of American Military Engineers Scholarship Fund, c/o U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 696 Virginia Rd., Concord, MA 01742.

St. Martin's Day

St. Martin is the patron saint of soldiers. A soldier himself in the Roman army during the fourth century, St. Martin was revered for his kindness and generosity.

It is then fitting that his day is celebrated on the same date as Veterans and Remembrance Day.

30 Second Commercials



Wendell B. Mah, Office of Counsel



Hi, my name is Wendell Mah. I am an attorney in the Office of Counsel.

I provide legal advice to the District staff regarding diverse legal issues that may arise in the course of performance of the various Corps

related missions.

My role involves ensuring that Corps missions are executed in a manner consistent with applicable laws and regulations in order to prevent lawsuits against the federal government. I provide counsel to the District Commander and the District staff to assist them in making decisions that are legally defensible.

I deal with a variety of legal matters; however, a major portion of my legal practice focuses on environmental law and regulatory matters.

I perform legal research and legal analysis in order to develop recommendations regarding proposed District actions. I also provide legal review of documents associated with civil works projects such as agreements and contracts. Although I see my role as a legal advisor to assist in the prevention of costly litigation, I provide legal support for cases filed against the U.S. government. In addition, I prepare litigation reports for referral of cases to Department of Justice for cases filed on behalf of the U.S. government.

I've enjoyed working for the Corps of Engineers for the past 13 years and I am grateful for the continued opportunity to serve New England and our nation.

Annie Chin, Survey Branch



My name is Annie Chin. I am a Civil Engineering Technician in the Engineering/Planning Division, Design Branch, Survey Section.

I am responsible for producing accurate survey maps and detailed drawings for dredging contracts and

project condition surveys.

Using Microstation and Inroads software, I perform layout computations for federal and municipal dredging areas, making vertical and horizontal determinations from field surveys and office plotting data.

My duties include providing coordinate calculations and drawing layouts for proposed deauthorizations to federal navigation projects. In addition to my daily tasks, I provide

technical support to navigation and planning project managers for feasibility studies, improvement dredging projects and new channel alignment. Also, I perform volume computations and provide data to support contract negotiations with dredging companies.

I plot all final drawings for navigation projects, and prepare result of survey reports, which accurately tabulate critical information of project condition surveys and denote the controlling depth for various channel segments. This information is provided to federal, state and local interests, but is used primarily by NOAA to update their coastal navigation charts to insure safe navigation.

We are responsible for all the survey control data, channel information and historical data for all federal navigation projects and I enjoy my job.

On Sundays, I help in day care at my church so parents can attend worship service.

How about you? The Yankee Engineer is seeking District employees to provide their 30 second commercials for publication in future issues. The Chief of Engineers has asked every Corps employee to develop 30 seconds worth of information that describes your role and how you provide quality service to the citizens of New England. If you have your commercial ready and would like to participate, please e-mail Ann Marie Harvie.



Health and Wellness

Thanksgiving Day tips and trivia

A nutritious Thanksgiving Table

The traditional Thanksgiving dinner staples—turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, cranberry salad, green vegetables, and pumpkin pie—add up to a very nutritional meal. Here's the breakdown:

Turkey—It is an excellent source of protein and one of the leaner meats; a three-ounce serving, roasted, has only 3 grams of fat.

Stuffing—The breading provides a healthy dose of carbohydrates and B vitamins, and the onion usually mixed into it lowers blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

Mashed Potatoes—Potatoes are high in protein, potassium, and fiber, as well as Vitamins B and C.

Green Vegetables—Peas and beans are good sources of protein and iron.

Sweet Potatoes and Pumpkin Pie—Both of these orange-colored foods are high in Vitamins A and C, and are also packed with beta-carotene, an antioxidant that strengthens the immune system.

Cranberry Salad—Cranberries are bursting with vitamin C and are fat-free.

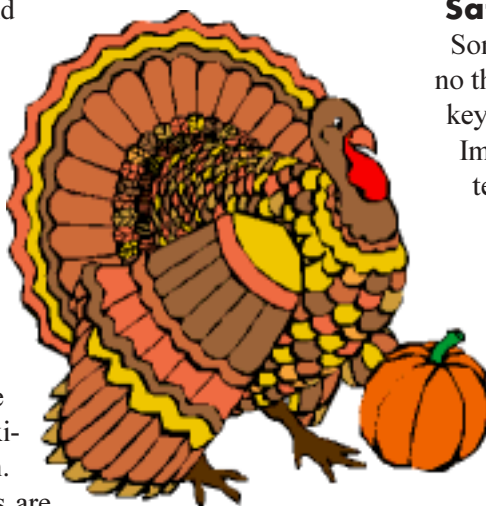
Can anything good be said about gravy? Yes, indeed: it is high in fat, which is necessary to absorb and digest many vitamins and minerals.

Eating 'Lite' on Turkey Day

Cooking carefully can help avoid that much-feared aftermath of the Thanksgiving Day meal—weight gain. Although you cannot eliminate all calories from the feast, you can at least lower the fat content. Remember to:

- Use no-fat or reduced-calorie substitutes whenever possible.
- Avoid butter or margarine when cooking vegetables. Instead, place the desired amount of non- or low-fat butter substitute directly on your cooked vegetables, allowing it to melt naturally. Do NOT pre-melt non-fat spreads on the stove or microwave because coagulation may occur.

- Do not butter-baste the turkey while it is roasting, but rather, brush its skin with vegetable oil to prevent drying.
- Do not eat the skin, which contains much of the turkey's fat.
- Use skim milk in mashed potatoes, puddings and sauces.
- Use substitute sweeteners for deserts, or at least replace half the sugar.



Safe Handling of Turkey

Some frozen turkeys come packaged with no thawing instructions. The National Turkey Federation offers the following advice: Important: Never thaw turkey at room temperature.

If you are not in a hurry, place your wrapped turkey on a tray in the refrigerator for three to four days. Allow five hours per pound of turkey to completely thaw.

If you do not have all that time, place wrapped turkey in sink or bathtub and submerge in cold water. Allow about 30 minutes per pound of turkey to completely thaw. Change water frequently to keep it cold. Refreezing uncooked turkey is not recommended.

Safe Storage Rules

Precautions are necessary in handling turkey to avoid the spread of bacteria, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The USDA advises you to:

- Carve meat from turkey bones and serve or refrigerate within two hours after roasting.
- Place meat in covered containers and store in the coldest part of the refrigerator.
- If storing turkey in the freezer, wrap it in heavy foil or place in freezer bags. If you are preparing "leftover" recipes ahead of time, be sure to cover, label, date and freeze immediately.
- If you have made broth from the turkey carcass, be sure to bring it to a full boil before serving. Freeze if not used within three days. (*Ideas Unlimited*)

Dredging up the past . . .



Dudley Redden (now retired), Real Estate, examines a plot of land in Norfolk, Mass., that is about to be purchased by the U.S. Army in this circa 1986 photo.

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